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WHAT'S AT STAKE

A possible tuition rise of 7.5 percent could leave students with empty pockets

BY ELIZABETH ENKE
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Tuition is facing a threat of a major increase for the upcoming school year. Last year, tuition had an increase of 2.5 percent. For the 2008-2009 school year, it's said to increase by 7.5 percent, according to Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations Greg Fox.

The Board of Regents will meet in April, and according to Fox, the tuition increase will be finalized at this time.

"There is a risk that, between now and then, it could get worse," said Fox.

Fox also said with the tentative increase being anticipated, the university is trying to accommodate all of their students and families by having students fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Pertaining to UMD alone, there will be an automatic 2.5 percent decrease to any Minnesota family whose adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than \$150,000 per year, said Fox.

AGI is defined as all taxable income of an individual, minus specific deductions to income. Some forms of taxable income are wages, salaries, tips, etc. Specific deductions include health insurance, student loan interest deductions, tuition and fees deduction, etc. This is according to the official Internal

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SENIORS



"I wish the government would step in and say you can't do more than inflation. I understand raising tuition, but I don't understand raising it more than inflation."

-Eric Koralewski



"It sucks that tuition has to go up, but what can you do? I feel like a number walking in the door sometimes—it's like they take your money, and then you're out."

-James Cook

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"Every year, less and less students will be able to go to college because of the rise in costs."

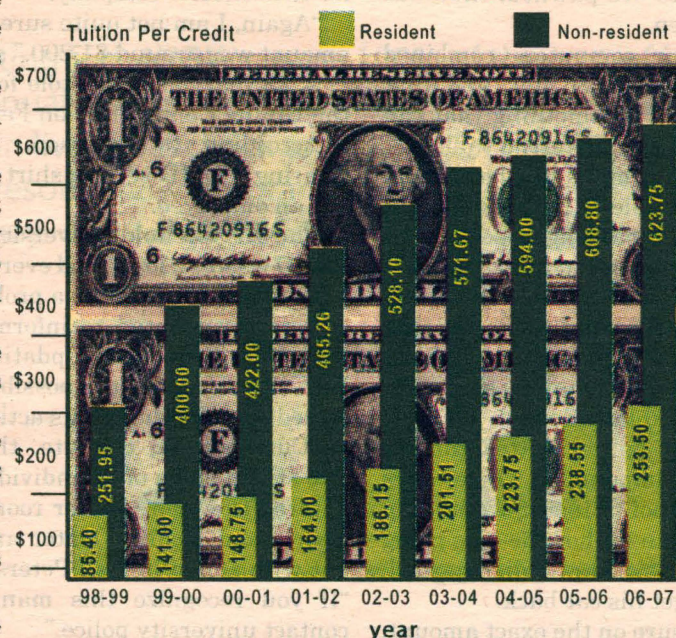
-Nikki Frampton



"I think it leads a lot of people to go into debt. My older sister is still in debt and she's two years out of college."

-Rachel Zimmerman

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Man banned from campus

BY SARA JOCHEMS
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After the Montague 70 incident that occurred on Feb. 20, the intruder, Shawn Patrick Fredrick, has been permanently banned from the university premise.

Lt. Anne Peterson of university police, clarified actions her department made with regards to the Montague 70 incident.

"On Tuesday, Feb. 19, a male staff member called the university and made a complaint of Fredrick being seen on campus and that he looked suspicious," Peterson said. "From there we [university police] were looking for him."

Peterson went on to explain that early Wednesday morning, Fredrick himself called 911 saying that there was an incident on Sixth Avenue and East Fourth Street.

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Higher Learning Commission at UMD

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Every 10 years, since 1967, UMD has been visited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) as part of the accreditation process self-study report, according to Ken Risdon, UMD associate professor in the department of composition and co-coordinator of the Accreditation and Self-study Steering Committee.

UMD was visited by this team early in the week, which consisted on nine members from other Midwestern universities. At 3 p.m. on Monday, in 120 Solon Campus Center, students were able to gather to give feedback about the university. It is through this process that the college gains accredited status, according to Risdon.

"All students were invited to meet with the service team," Risdon said. "They were

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ITSS error causes security breach

BY MIKE McGRATH
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Senior Wes Johnson received a letter in the mail and noticed his student ID number on the label. He did not think much about it until he received an e-mail from ITSS explaining the security breach.

Due to an error by ITSS, 3,218 UMD seniors received a letter in the mail with their student ID number on the label, and UMD considers this a security breach of private student information. The letter contained information regarding the UMD graduation fair, held Thursday, Feb. 21.

"I would feel violated by the University if my ID number was misused, but I don't really know what information is available with just my ID number," said Johnson.

The Family Education and Privacy Act (FERPA) works to keep classified student information private, and they consider student ID numbers to be private information because they are a unique way of identifying students. However, UMD's FERPA Director Judy Hinnenkamp wants students to

know that the ID number alone is not enough to obtain private information.

"Someone would also need your username, password, current address and possibly the last four digits of your Social Security Number," said Hinnenkamp. "But I don't want to minimize this, because it is serious."

ITSS director Linda Deneen explained that they were asked to provide mailing labels for the UMD bookstore to inform seniors of the upcoming graduation fair. However, an ITSS staff member used a template from a previous assignment that required student ID numbers.

"She should have taken the student ID numbers out, but she didn't," said Deneen. "It was a mistake for which we are very sorry."

She went on to explain the labels were given to the bookstore stuffed into envelopes, brought to the mail room, then shipped through the U.S. Postal Service and delivered to the students. The incident was reported by concerned students who notified the bookstore.

"Not that many people would have

seen it, and if they did, they wouldn't have recognized it," said Deneen. "I don't consider this to be a large risk to students, but they have the right to know."

ITSS notified FERPA about the incident, and FERPA looked for legal council from their attorneys at the Twin Cities campus. They advised ITSS to notify all students involved immediately, according to Hinnenkamp.

ITSS sent out an e-mail explaining the situation and advised students to report any suspicious activity on their record.

Both FERPA and ITSS have not seen a problem like this in the past and are going to strengthen their security measures to prevent a problem like this in the future.

"Whenever we do a set of mailing labels in the future, one person will generate them and another person will review them so we can be more careful," said Deneen.

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University police bombarded with campus crime

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From underage consumption and unpaid parking tickets to theft, university police have been busy over the past couple of weeks.

"Over the weekend, we handed out 21 underage consumption tickets," said Lt. Anne Peterson of university police. "Seventeen were handed out on Friday, Feb. 29 and four on Saturday, March 1."

Peterson said that one of the 17 on Feb. 29 resulted in the suspect going to jail.

"He was a non-student who was in university housing," Peterson said. "Besides his underage consumption, he was also given a ticket for disorderly conduct and obstructing the legal process."

There were also the four laptop computers that were stolen out of the study lounge in the Multicultural Center on Feb. 14, and have not been recovered.

"Two of the students had serial

numbers for their laptops," Peterson said. "It is important to get that information because we enter the serial number into the database and if the computers are pawned, they will show up stolen."

"Those four computers combined cost an estimated \$6,400, and that is such a loss for something that can easily be avoided," Peterson said.

Parking on campus has been more costly for a couple of individuals who didn't pay their parking tickets.

"Parking services notified us that two individuals were constantly violating parking regulations and that if we [university police] see it, they were to be towed," Peterson said.

Peterson explained that on Feb. 22, university police spotted the car and had it impounded. Five days later, with proof of insurance and an agreement plan on how he was going to pay off the tickets he disregarded, the suspect got his car back.

"I am not sure on the exact amount, but he owed the collector company almost \$5,000," Peterson said.

According to Peterson, the other individual had his car impounded on Feb. 28 and got it back the next day with his proof of insurance and plan for the collector company.

"Again, I am not quite sure, but his amount was around \$1,200," she said.

A 23-year-old male stole food from the Dining Center (DC) on Feb. 28.

According to Peterson, he was wearing a UMD service shirt but was not an employee.

The suspect told university police, "UMD wastes a lot of food every day, so I thought it wouldn't be a problem."

Peterson wanted to inform others that they have been updating their Web site and that it is possible to see stilled shots of suspicious activity.

"Currently on the site, there are two stilled shots of an individual who entered the men's locker room in the Sports and Health Center and came out with stolen items," Peterson said. "If you recognize this man, please contact university police."

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invited to say whatever they wanted to say ... good or bad."

Risdon said that approximately 30 students showed up to voice their opinions at the meeting.

Senior Katie Best is a student representative of the committee as well as Student Association public relations director. She said that the team was asking two main questions of the students: What they liked best about UMD and what you would do if you were chancellor for a day.

Best said the students had many positive responses about the campus including an appreciation of smaller class sizes and friendly faculty.

"There weren't a lot of really negative comments," Best said.

She said that a pretty typical comment made by many students is issues with crowded parking.

Students, however, were not the only ones able to give feedback. Separate meetings were held at the same time in different locations for AFSCME and civil service employees, Faculty, and facilities and auxiliary staff.

"I think the staff are especially happy to be included," Risdon said.

Risdon emphasized the importance of having an accredited university.

"It gives basic credibility to your degree," he said. "To make sure you're getting what you're paying for."

Risdon said that the main topic in discussion this year is improvement of the liberal education program; however, like many larger projects, it's going to be a work in progress.

"Some things aren't just going to happen over night," he said.

Risdon did say that many of the smaller issues could come into effect much sooner, depending on their importance.

He said that the changes don't necessarily mean the university is currently doing something wrong, but that there is always room for improvement.

"They're just going to support what we're already trying to do," Risdon said. "That's great stuff to tell a state legislature."

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"From what we were told, a city of Duluth squad car responded and took care of that incident," Peterson said. "Roughly an hour later, we got a phone call about a situation down in Montague 70."

Peterson explained that when they got the call, they were told that he was not armed, and stressed that that doesn't mean he wasn't dangerous.

"Anything can be considered a weapon: the chair you are sitting in, a pen, your foot, etc.," Peterson said. "When I read that he was 'tapping his whip on a desk,' I was surprised because I did not know."

Because of this situation, Fredrick is completely banned from the university premises.

"If he is seen walking into the school store to buy a pop or a sweatshirt, or even change buses outside of the Kirby Student

Center, 911 should be notified immediately," she said.

Peterson also commented after they received the phone call of a suspicious man in Montague 70 and got to the scene, they immediately had the situation contained and in control.

"It's difficult to gage every situation and their peculiarities, but because of how quickly the situation was handled, the text message didn't seem to make sense," Peterson said. "It was necessary for everyone to know what had happened, so that was why the e-mail was sent out that afternoon."

Peterson elaborated on why the emergency text message was not sent out by the university.

"The emergency text message is carefully [used] in limited situations," Peterson said.

"For example if there was an active shooter on campus or someone

with potentially harmful chemicals," she said.

Because of this, Peterson further stressed the importance of safety within the university.

"In the Montague incident for example, if you are too scared to call 911, text someone who is outside from where you are and have them call 911," Peterson said. "Depending on what type of phone you have, as soon as you put a call in, your phone is on an open line. This means that 911 dispatch can track where your phone call is coming from."

Peterson wanted to let students know that if they feel at all unsafe that they need to call 911 and get set up with the emergency text message system.

"That's got to be the way to go," Peterson said.

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Revenue Service (IRS) Web site (<http://www.irs.gov/>).

When first-year student Brianna Bieniek found out about the automatic decrease that will be given to students who are eligible, she felt a little better about the idea of higher tuition.

"It definitely is a good idea," said Bieniek. "I'm sure my parents are going to want me to fill it out. It'll be worth it."

Third-year student Jeff Sbonik does not think he will benefit from the FAFSA proposal and is indifferent towards the increase of tuition.

"It's not going to make a difference. An increase is still an increase," said Sbonik. "It sucks, but, I mean, you have to pay for school. It's kind of like gas prices; you just have to pay them."

Decisions concerning tuition rates occur at the legislature and government level every year.

Fox believes that a college education is now being seen as more of a public good rather

than a private, and tuition can have negative impact on a student's decision to come to school.

"If you have economic ability, you should pay for it," said Fox. "I don't subscribe to it, but it's the situation we're living with for sure."

Sbonik does not think that the increase will deter people from furthering their education.

"I think if it was a larger increase, like 20 percent, it would deter more people," said Sbonik. "The way they do it now, gradually, it's kind of in a deceptive way."

Bieniek, who has had to pay for all of her college expenses during her last year, still plans to attend UMD as tuition proceeds to climb.

"I need to keep going with my college career," noted Bieniek. "I'm still going to continue, even if it is increasing."

Fox believes the university is doing its best, so that people of all economic backgrounds have the opportunity to come to UMD.

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Job outlook may be daunting for some graduating students

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There has been a lot of talk about the economy, a possible recession and the way these will affect the job market; but should college students really be concerned about finding a job after graduation? Some statistics say yes, while others seem to point out there is no need to worry.

"In 2002-2012, 14 million job openings are projected to be filled by workers who have a bachelors or graduate degree," according to an article published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2004 titled "Job Outlook for College Graduates."

On the other hand, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Web site stated that the national unemployment rate was five percent in December and dropped to 4.9 percent at the beginning of the new year. This is a minimal drop, but the rates are some of the highest seen. The unemployment rates were not specific as to what age groups were largely affected by this.

"It's not affecting new college grads as far as we know right now," said Julie Johnson Westlund of UMD Career Services. "We actually just had the largest job fair ever. Employers are looking."

Some of those employers are seeking students with degrees in accounting, engineering, business and computer science, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"They [students] should be thinking about a job instead of worrying," Westlund said. "Put that effort toward finding a job."

Westlund hasn't seen too many students struggle with finding a job, but she stresses starting early in your job search. She strongly suggests having work experience and trying to get an internship during junior year.

"Internships do so much," Westlund said. "Internships are confusing but they are some kind of supervised service related to what you want to do."

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), a recent publication encourages students to search early and don't let the good market cause you to "get cocky." Other tips include maintaining a good GPA, improving communication skills and adding work experience to your résumé.

One resource for internship information and help searching for a job is UMD Career Services, located in Solon Campus Center. The career center can help guide students through creating a résumé, cover letter and help them discover what careers may interest them.

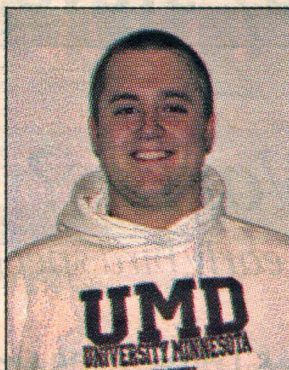
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Kosovo independence; a recipe for disaster

BY JARED DYRDAHL
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Balance in the fragile Balkan region of Europe is now once again on thin ice. On Feb. 17, Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia, much to the chagrin of the international political community. The war-torn province's declaration was supported by the ethnic majority of Albanians, but was vehemently opposed by the Serbian minority who detest the action as an unwelcome occupation and seizure of their holy land by intruders aided by the West, according to the CNN.com article "Kosovo Celebrates amid Serb Protests." According to the same article, experts including former U.S. General Wesley Clark, who led U.S. forces in the 1999 Kosovo conflict, have said that separation was needed so that Albanians could forget the "magnitude of Serb oppression of the Albanian majority," which prompted the 1999 Kosovo conflict.

Despite this compelling argument of sovereignty based on the will of majority and erasure of the oppressions of the past, one must take a critical look at the potential effects of Kosovo's independence on the region. Over the past eight years, Kosovo has been under international rule, and during that time, there have been widespread killings and land seizures that have victimized the

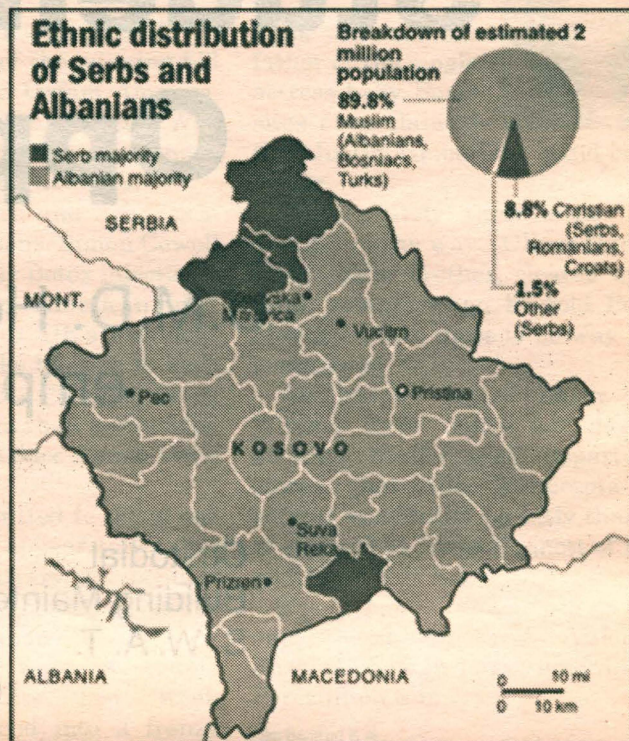
100,000 Serbs that still live in the community, according to the same article.

Handing the reigns of legitimate sovereign power to a group that has oppressed the Serb minority while under the auspices of the United Nations is asking for trouble in a region that has sparked some of our globe's bloodiest conflicts. The decision to allow Kosovo independence would be akin to the United States immediately withdrawing from Iraq and leaving a power vacuum that would be democratically filled by a Shiite majority that would no doubt suppress the Sunni minority for the injustices suffered under former dictator Saddam Hussein.

In addition, it is clear that allowing Serbia to administer the region would also be folly.

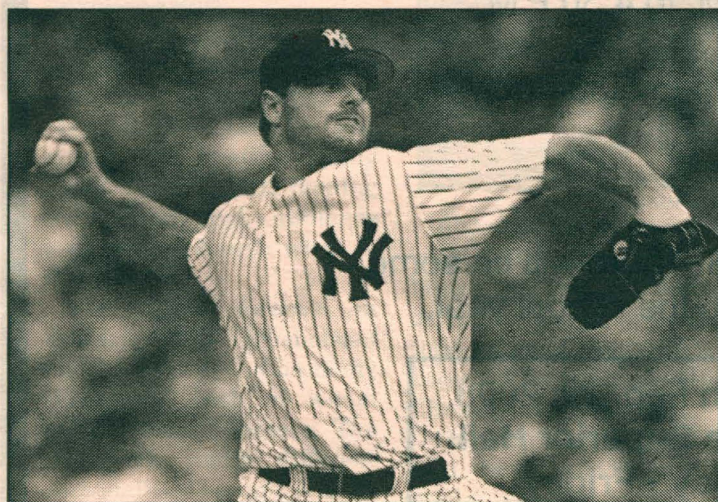
However, the danger presented by allowing Kosovo independence is far more dangerous because it threatens to upset the fragile peace that (for once) pervades the Balkans. Perhaps an alternative plan could be hatched if the two sides talked while the United Nations watched over the country in a more stringent manner to ensure that no one is being murdered or plundered.

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No need for congressional involvement in baseball



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Ever since Jose Canseco told the press and wrote a book about his steroid use, the national spotlight on steroid use in baseball has dramatically risen. It has become such a hot topic over recent years that even

Congress has stepped in and has started to put some alleged steroid users on the stand. This is the same Congress that is supposed to be passing laws, shaping our country's foreign policies and deciding how the country should spend its money responsibly. But, it seems

ever since the preliminary steroid hearings in 2005, Congress has been mostly focused on bringing more players in to testify about their knowledge of steroid use in baseball, not on larger and probably more important issues facing the nation.

Most recently, Roger Clemens has been in the spotlight of the current congressional hearings. Clemens has spent many hours before Congress addressing questions about his alleged use of steroids.

Aren't there more pressing issues in the world other than whether or not Clemens used steroids? Is it really necessary for Congress to spend all this time asking a man about allegations, not actual facts, of his steroid use? Aren't we involved in some war in Iraq?

Congress is a part of the

federal government, not a part of Major League Baseball. Leave the steroid allegations to Commissioner Bud Selig and his team of lawyers and other baseball officials. It's obvious that a good number, if not most, of baseball players have used steroids or some other performance-enhancing drug similar to steroids. Barry Bonds jumped from hitting 34 home runs in 1999 to hitting 73 in 2001, according to mlb.com. If Selig can't figure out that those numbers are an indication of possible steroid use, then he needs to give up his Commissioner title and get a new job. Steroids are so common in baseball that even mediocre players have used them, such as former Minnesota Twins second baseman Chuck Knoblauch, who, despite using steroids, according to the Mitchell

Report, got worse as his career progressed.

You can't deny the fact that most players have used or still use steroids. Arguing that players don't use steroids would be like arguing that professional wrestling isn't fixed. Everybody assumes it, but nobody, except Congress apparently, is terribly concerned with it. I think that Selig needs to step in and take control of his league and leave the government out of it. They have better things to do. There needs to be a standard set; either you drug test and suspend every steroids user, or you just let whoever wants to take steroids get juiced up and then you sit back and enjoy how far those guys hit the ball.

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Allie B's Hollywood HOTSPOT!

BY ALLIE BENTRUD
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Rapper Juvenile, best known for his chart-topper "Slow Motion," was subjected to a devastating blow when his 4-year-old daughter, Jelani, was found dead last Thursday in her Georgia home. Jelani's mother, **Joy Deleston, and Deleston's 11-year-old daughter were also found dead. According to MTCV.com, Deleston's 17-year-old son, Anthony Tyrone Terrell Jr., is being charged with the murders and was arrested last Friday.**

On a lighter note, Wisconsin just got a whole lot more Hollywood. Our neighbors to the east, along with representatives from Universal Pictures, announced last week that the upcoming film "Public Enemies" will be filming in a variety of locations around the state throughout March.

The film stars big name actors Johnny Depp, Christian Bale,

Channing Tatum and recent Oscar winner Marion Cotillard. According to IMDb.com, Columbus and Madison are a few of the Wisconsin towns rumored to be filming locations for the crime drama.

Drew Barrymore isn't just a celebrity who has been in the business since childhood and the girlfriend of actor Justin Long. No, Barrymore is a giver. On Monday's "Oprah," Barrymore announced she is donating \$1 million of her own money to feed children in Africa.

Barrymore, an Ambassador Against Hunger, donated the money to the World Food Programme as part of Oprah Winfrey's "Big Give," according to People.com.

Barrymore isn't the only starlet feeling charitable lately.

As a star in the upcoming film "He's Just Not That Into You," Scarlett Johansson is auctioning herself off for a date to the movie's premiere in

July. The eBay auction ends March 12, and proceeds of the winning bid will be donated to Oxfam America, which focuses, according to their Web site, on creating "lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice."

While Barrymore and Johansson are making donations, Simon Cowell is getting his yearly Botox injections. Yes, it's true, the "American Idol" judge confessed to UK's Glamour magazine the tricks he uses to keep himself looking good. "To me, Botox is no more unusual than toothpaste. It works, you do it once a year—who cares?"

Cowell also admitted to using one inch shoe lifts to appear taller, but insists that, contrary to popular belief, he does not and will never dye his hair. Good to know.

Kate Hudson wore a couple unflattering outfits last week and sent Hollywood into a frenzy wondering if she was pregnant, and

if so, who was the father of the single actress' baby. Some sites even claimed that Justin Timberlake could be the father.

Unfortunately, there is no "little Justin" on the way. Oliver Hudson, Kate's older brother, cleared up all those rumors when he told People Magazine that there is no way Kate is pregnant.

We haven't heard much from Winona Ryder since her days of stealing things from department stores, but the Minnesota-born actress announced recently that she is engaged to Blake Sennett of indie rock band Rilo Kiley.

The pair announced their engagement at the Valentino Fashion show in Paris, according to Perez Hilton.com.

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'Bucket List' aimed at an older audience

BY AMBER VESEL
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Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman play their signature personalities in "The Bucket List." The movie, with a rating of only 1 and ½ stars, is still turning out a Friday night audience well into its fourth week in the theaters.

The movie focuses on Edward Cole (Nicholson) and Carter Chambers (Freeman), both of whom have terminal illnesses. The two with vastly different personalities become friends and conspire to experience what some never experience in a lifetime, in the one year they have left to live.

Before they 'kick the bucket,' the two create a 'bucket list' of things to do before they die, which includes skydiving, kissing the most beautiful girl in the world and driving Shelby Mustangs.



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Although the movie is filled with Nicholson's goofy little blurbs and witty attitude, it definitely has an underlying tone of grief, as both men experience symptoms of their illnesses along the way.

Overall, "The Bucket List" is a decent movie, but you might consider waiting for this one to be released on DVD before viewing. It's ideal for an older crowd, but it's not exactly geared to a college-aged audience.

Don't forget Thursday nights are college nights at Duluth 10, and with college ID, all movies are matinee prices.

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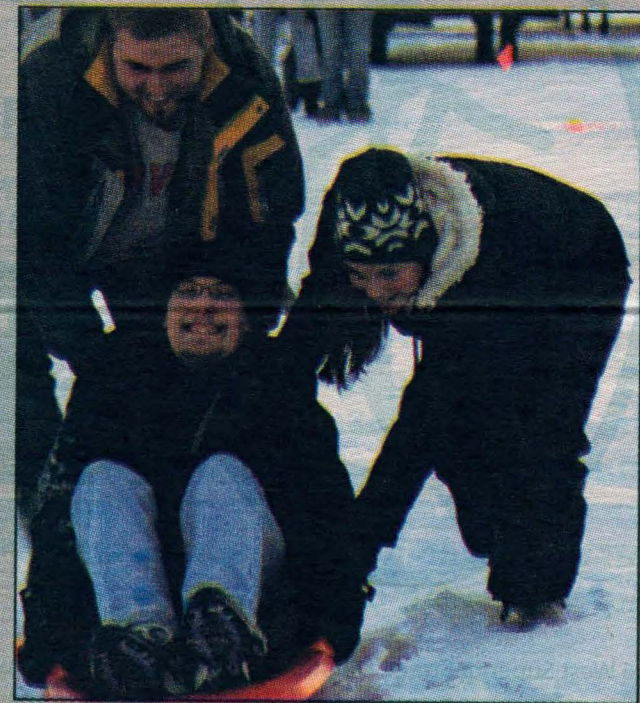
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Above: Senior Andrew Mattila took second place in Tuesday's Dance Revolution tournament. On the right, senior Dan Wine took first place. The tournament was put on by the UMD Pre Dental Club.

Right: UMD Professor John P. Taylor was pushed by junior Nick Kuvaas and senior Shauna Overgaard during Wednesday's Pull Your Professor's Weight—Student Pulled Sled Race. This event was thrown by the Psychology Club as well as Psi Chi.



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UMD students spent last week 'Out Cold'

UMD's annual Out Cold festival was held last week.

Students participated in a wide variety of events including eating contests, lawn games, root beer pong in the Kirby Lounge and even a Dance Dance Revolution tournament. Every day there were at least three events happening on campus to get students involved, and many rose to the challenge.



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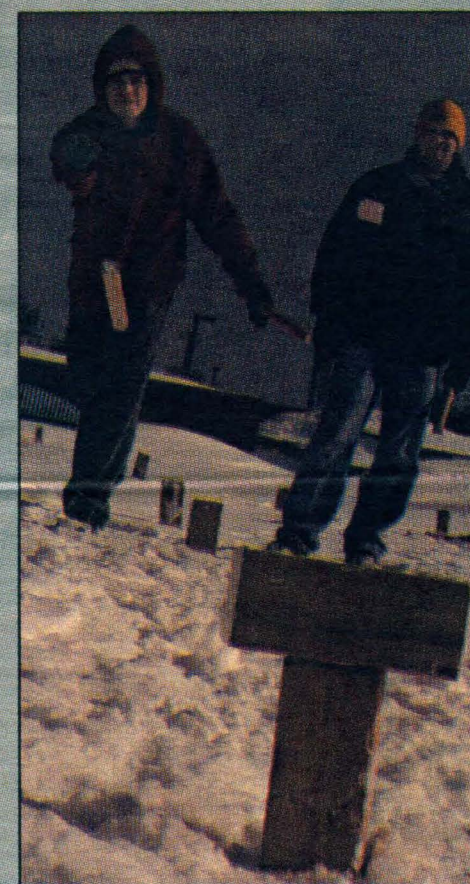
Above: UMD Seniors Josh Peltier and Alex Paquin participate in a Root Beer Pong tournament on Wednesday night in the Kirby Lounge.



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Above: This year, 37 students competed in Out Cold's annual Chicken Strip Eating contest hosted by Greek Life. Senior Josh Gilson, pictured above, won the sixth round of the contest this year by eating six baskets of strips. He was awarded a \$10 Best Buy gift card.

Left: Kubb is a Norwegian lawn game that most students may not have heard of. The Kubb Klub on campus took advantage of Out Cold week to teach students how to play. At left, senior Bryon Colby and senior Matt Langemo try their hand at the game.



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Sex in the UniverCity

by Shana Secory

Students debate whether dating younger or older is OK in college

You are a girl in Florida with your friends over spring break. The club that you are at is 18 plus and has free drinks for ladies until midnight.

"Let me see your hips swing" comes on and before you know it, you are being pulled into the middle of the dance floor by an overly attractive male, whom you have never met.

After three intense songs, you both make your way to the bar.

"You should buy me a drink," the excellent new dancer whispers in your ear. Getting slightly offended, you push him away and say, with a smile, "Why don't you buy me a drink?"

"Because I can't, I am only 18," he mutters back.

Since you turned 21 only, uhmm ... two years ago, the feeling is now slightly awkward. How did an attractive, great dancer with an unbelievable exotic tan turn into a dud so fast?

When guys date younger girls, it is not that unusual. It may be because guys are said to be less mature, or maybe guys like girls that look younger. Regardless of the reason why society accepts that men date younger women, there is a new trend: women dating younger men.

This trend started to get popular when Demi Moore started dating Ashton Kutcher. Even though this new way of dating has hit Hollywood by storm, women dating younger men is still somewhat frowned upon.

"I have done the age difference thing," junior Chelsa Nelson said. "It doesn't seem to work out because, if both people aren't on the same maturity level, it just doesn't work."

Age difference can be a huge factor in people's relationships. Sometimes it doesn't seem to matter when the two people are just a year or two apart.

"It depends on how great of an age difference there is," sophomore Carolyn Hartmann said. "It can be hard to have something in common with someone that is say, 10 years older than you."

There are certain women that feel like they get along better with men that are older.

"I feel like I have more in common with older guys," said junior Hailey Edwards. "But I know someone that is dating a younger guy and they get along great! It really depends on the people."

So what do guys have to say about this? Wouldn't you think that they would want to date a 'cougar' with more experience?

"I dated an older girl once," sophomore Cameron said. "It was a little awkward because we didn't hang out with the same people. The only time that we could ever hang out was when we were alone, and that got old after a while."

Age can be just a number within consideration. If the two people get along well and want the same things in life, age can seem like something silly to get so worked up about.

"[Age shouldn't be an issue] as long as people are at the same spot in life," said senior Amanda Lundmark. "Sometimes I will tease my friends for dating younger guys, but it is all in good fun. As long as they are happy, age shouldn't matter."

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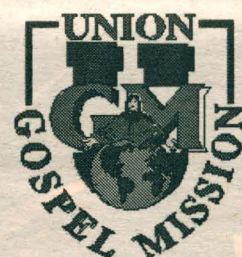
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Oh, snap! You just got served!

BY TYLER DOMAAS
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It finally happened. I've heard about the stories and the horrors, but I never thought that it would happen to me. People, I got served.

It started out as just a normal day; I was practicing my nunchuck skills in my back yard, minding my own business, when I heard footsteps approaching. I looked up and saw four teenagers walk up.

They all had visors on backwards and wore baggy white clothes. Their kicks were squeaky clean and they were loaded with bling. But I had my nunchucks, which have a wide range of attacks, so I wasn't afraid. I flexed my massive guns, whipped out a few nunchuck moves and expected them to back off. I was wrong.

They shouted at me and taunted me. One guy called me a noob and tried to grab my nunchucks. I stepped back into attack position and shouted a "yo mamma" joke at him. Looking back on the situation, this may have been my ultimate downfall. You nev-

er insult someone's mamma.

They attacked quick, working together. One guy did some kind of front flip and landed into a roll. Another pulled off some hybrid of the worm and robot. The last two dropped it like it was hot, and before I knew it they were gone.

This was unlike any serving I had ever heard of. I had always thought a serving would happen in an official fight. Instead, they had pulled a "serve and run" on me. It didn't seem right.

I don't know if you have ever been served, but it is not a pleasant feeling. My pride was hurt; my self esteem was hurt and they had stolen my nunchucks.

Well, after my recovery, I decided that revenge was my only option. To extract that revenge, I had to learn some of the most powerful serving moves out there. And I did. Hours of surfing the



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This man suffered only minor injuries to his forehead, but inflicted a major serving to his opponent. Tears were shed.

net led me to three very important moves that are sure to serve.

The "pop, lock it, drop it" is the first move. This powerful combo will stun opponents, leaving the window open

to finish them off. However, it is difficult for some people to pull off and should be used with extreme caution.

If you find yourself on the defensive, the "Harlem Shake" is a nice move to whip out. It will put you back on the offensive and really give your enemy a good serving. But be careful, if done incorrectly, this move can really backfire.

And finally, one of the most underrated moves to pull off is the "Electric Slide." This sounds weak, but this sucker will knock anyone out of the battle. It is a complex set of moves, which, if performed correctly, can even take out a large group of people.

You should memorize these moves, for if you are prepared, you'll be doing the serving.

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BY BOBBY DOWNS
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

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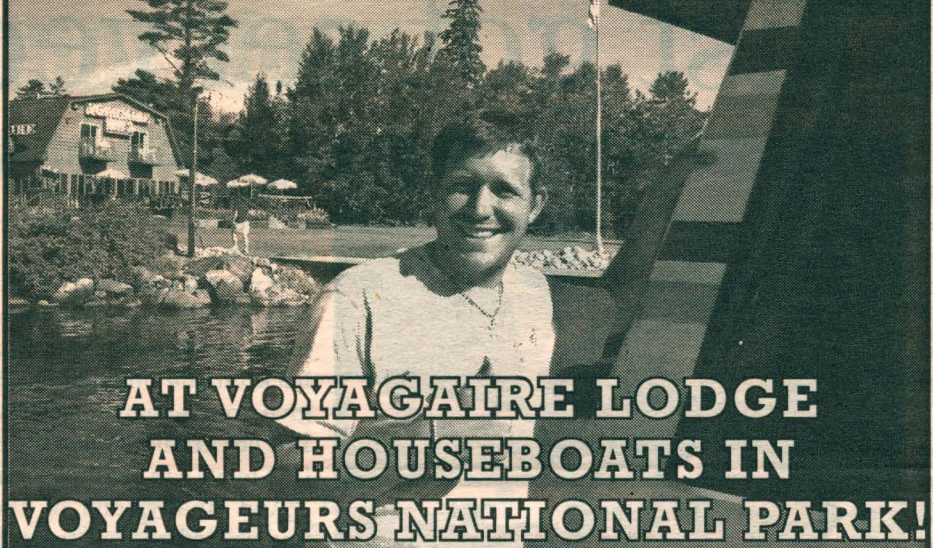
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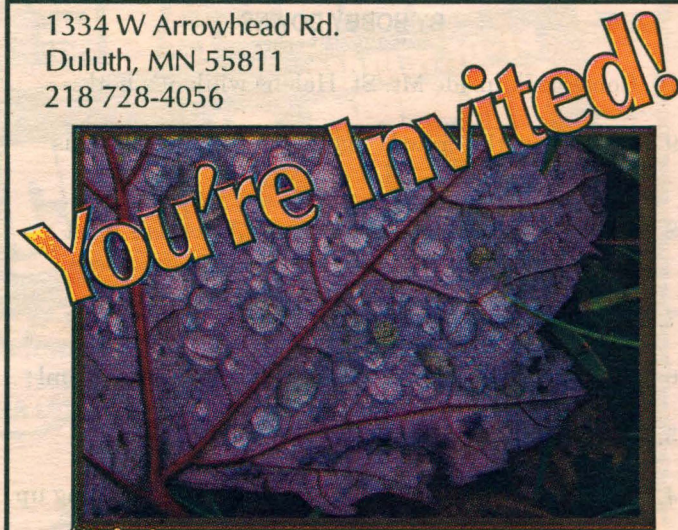
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BY MCKAYLA BOELTER
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

A cloud of snow billows up after a snowboarding competitor stops hard coming off the rails at the Stair Shred Competition held at Spirit Mountain. Everyone's breath puffs out in the cold night air, but the cold is ignored in the excitement.

The city lights twinkle in the background at the competition hosted by Freestyle of Duluth on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Near the end of the line on one of the last trails at Spirit Mountain, snowboarders and a couple skiers consistently flow up and down the hill in an attempt to win a prize pack valued at over \$100 containing gloves, sweatshirts, t-shirts and sunglasses.

"When it comes to snowboarding, I don't play around," said 14-year-old Kyle Cooke. Cooke is sponsored by Freestyle of Duluth and has been competing for a few years.

Although doing tricks with snowboards and skis can be scary, many of the competitors are as young as 14 years old and younger. The three divisions for the competition are women, boys 14 and under and boys 15 and over.

Despite their age, the 14 and under group were

just as impressive as their older competitors.

"I can go home and get some good sleep knowing I've won," said one of the competitors, his friends teasing and laughing at his joke.

Watching the crowd, a sense of camaraderie can be felt. Whether or not they know each other, the snowboarders engage each other in conversation like they are all old friends. Tied together by their love of the sport, everyone is there to hang out with friends, meet new people and most importantly, to shred.

Taylor Leege, owner of Freestyle of Duluth and competition judge, said he judges competitors based on if they land their tricks, the difficulty of the tricks and how smoothly they are executed.

"Don't take it seriously," said Brian Wilson, winner of the 15 and over division. "Just have fun."

No matter how cold it is, how far they have to go to compete or even just to practice, and no matter if they win or lose, they all do snowboarding and skiing tricks because they love it.

"It's worth it. No matter what, it's worth it," said competitor Morgan Pease.

Beyond this competition, many of these



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Brian Wilson, winner of the 15 and older division in the Stair Shred Competition at Spirit Mountain, shows style on a boardslide.

snowboarders plan on coming to Spirit Mountain and other surrounding hills until there is not any snow left to snowboard and ski on.

Nicole Mareck, winner of the women's division, said she will keep going as long as the rails are still up at Spirit Mountain.

As for upcoming competitions, Wilson and his brother, Mark, will try and catch a couple of competitions down in the cities and around Virginia, Minn., where they live, before the season ends. Spirit Mountain also has an upcoming competition on March 15 and 16 that will allow snowboarders from the area to compete again.

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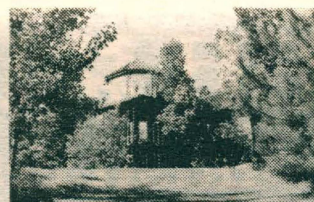
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became the Vikings' largest off-season investment when he signed a contract worth \$42 million over six years.

Berrian had a career-high 71 receptions while gaining 951 yards to go with five scores. Although his numbers don't compare to the NFL's elite tier, he eclipses anything the Vikings' receiving corps has done over the past two seasons. Having Wade as a decent possession receiver and Berrian as a young speedy deep threat, who could be entering his prime, will open the door for Peterson as well.

Last season, Peterson ran all over the NFL, highlighted by a record-setting 296-yard rushing performance against the Chargers. After missing a few games from an injury the following week, teams started putting eight, if not nine men in the box, showing a well-deserved lack of respect for the Vikings' passing game. Having Berrian as a consistent threat will force secondaries to pay attention to him, opening the door even further for Peterson.

Of course, for any of that to happen, Tavaris Jackson has to step up and prove he is worthy of the starting quarterback job. Over the past two seasons, a weak, young receiving corps whose only deep threat was the failed first-rounder Troy Williamson, who couldn't catch a cold let alone a football, have helped fans give Jackson the benefit of the doubt. Having Berrian as a speedy target who can get open down the field will show fans whether or not Jackson is capable of consistently accurate deep throws.

After trades in 2004 and 2005 sent the two players who were responsible for the Viking's elite offense at the turn of the century, Moss and former Viking quarterback Dante Culpepper, the Vikings new regime headlined by Ziggy Wilf has made some impressive moves in free agency. Though they haven't yet filled all the voids they hoped to this off season, they have shown fans that they are serious about improving the team both in the short and long run.

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ued to defend their zone.

After taking their last time-out, the Dogs tried for one last play. Unfortunately, nothing seemed to be working for UMD. The game ended with the Fighting Sioux winning, 2-0.

Despite the loss, the Bulldogs regained their balance and came ready to fight on Sunday. UMD was able to hold the Sioux from scoring in the first period, but were unable to get that much-needed goal for an early lead.

Junior MacGregor Sharp scored for the Bulldogs early in the third period at 11:10, with assists from McKnight and freshman Kyle Schmidt. UMD was finally able to put one in the net, 1-0. Unfortunately, the lead was short-lived, as Andrew Kozek scored for North Dakota with an unassisted goal at 12:50, tying the score at 1-1.

As the two teams prepared for overtime, the Bulldogs

hoped for the best.

However, it just wasn't in the cards for the Dogs.

VandVelde scored 53 seconds into overtime, giving the Sioux an overtime win and series sweep.

"I thought we played hard all weekend," said McKnight. "Our jump was good, our intensity was good. We just did not seem to get the bounces when we needed to."

Junior goaltender Alex Stalock had an impressive 68 saves for the weekend series, according to the Web site.

The Bulldogs prepare to face the Minnesota Golden Gophers this weekend in Minneapolis.

"We have to put last weekend behind us and move on," said McKnight. "It is a huge weekend for us down there, so we just have to come out and play our game. If we can match the same work and intensity level we had this weekend, we will be fine."

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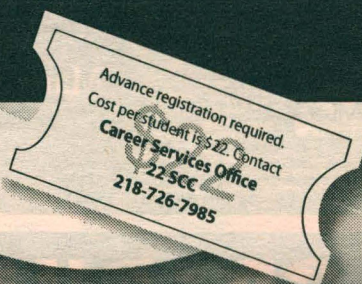
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BY ERIK ELSBERRY
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Men's Basketball

The Bulldogs fell short in their last two games of the regular season last week while on the road to the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) and the University of North Dakota (UND).

Senior center Mark Bauch posted a career high of 11 points in last Thursday's 69-79 loss in Omaha, Neb. Junior forward Brian Sykora led the team in scoring with 14, according to the UMD Web site.

Last Saturday's 57-68 loss in Grand Forks, N.D. was a historic one, as senior guard Jordan Nuness tied the UMD career (239) and single season (98) records for three-point shots made, according to the Web site. Nuness ended up with 18 points, and Sykora finished with 10.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team also lost their final two games of the season to UNO and UND.

The Bulldogs came close to winning their fifth game of the season, but fell to the Mavericks 57-65 last Thursday in Omaha. Senior guard Katy Freeman led UMD in scoring with 15. Senior forward Kim Wagers and senior guard Alissa Pauly also finished in double figures, according to the Web site.

Freeman was the top scorer again in last Saturday's 69-78

loss in Grand Forks, N.D. finishing with 23. Wagers contributed 13 points in the near upset of the No. 6-ranked Sioux.

Track

The men's team secured a third-place finish and the women came away with a fifth-place showing in last weekend's North Central Conference (NCC) Indoor Track & Field Championships at Minnesota State University Mankato.

Junior distance runner Greta Stangl finished second in the 1000-meter event to lead the women's team. Freshman Elizabeth Crane finished fourth in the shot put and junior middle-distance runner Alyssa Wendt also finished fourth in the 500, according to the Web site.

Solid performances from the men's team came from sophomore Jason Beutz as he won the pole vault event with a height of 15'6.5, according to the Web site. Senior distance runner Eric Atkinson finished second in the 5000-meter run. Finishing second in the 800-meter run was senior middle-distance runner Jared Clementson, while on his heels was freshman Aaron Gorman, finishing third. Three triple jumpers finished in the top seven, freshman Brad Just along with sophomores Steve Milkovich and Jim Warmuth, according to the Web site.

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od was to gain lots of momentum," said O'Toole.

She also added that the team wanted to have good momentum going into the series next weekend and they feel they accomplished that.

UMD out-shot the Beavers 90 to 26 this weekend, with Bemidji's goalie stopping 38 shots alone on Saturday, while all three UMD goalies combined to stop 13 both days.

"We played as good as we needed to make sure we got

the win," said head coach Shannon Miller.

She also added that everyone got to play, which was nice, and that freshman Libby Guzzo getting her first point with an assist is another nice thing.

The women's team will continue their play with a game against the Huskies to finish off the Final Face-Off. The game will begin at 1:07 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

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TEE-TIME WITH TAJEN

Vikings' free-agent looks to solidify passing game

BY TAJEN STOCKDALE
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

After Adrian Peterson saved his job last season, Vikings head coach Brad Childress has made an effort to gain fans' respect, making impressive moves this off-season in areas where the Vikings were in desperate need of improvement.

It was announced last Friday that the Vikings had reached a deal with safety Madiou Williams worth a reported \$33 million over six years. In 13 games last season, Williams had two interceptions, two sacks and one forced fumble to go with 74 tackles for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Williams will take problem-child Dwight Smith's spot on the roster, who after a few off-field incidents was cut by the team only to be picked up by the motor-city-kitties in Detroit.

The Vikings hope Williams' previous experience working with defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier in Cincinnati, during his rookie season, will make it easier for him to help improve the team's pass defense, which ranked last in the NFL last season with over 280 yards allowed per game.

Having a young safety, who is believed by many to be entering his prime, is a definite asset to the team's defense, but they still need a defensive end to help with the pass rush.

The Vikes were looking at Justin Smith from the Bengals, after obvious first choice Jared Allen was franchised by the Chiefs a few weeks ago, but he too went



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Receiver Bernard Berrian should help the Vikings' dismal passing attack.

elsewhere, signing with San Francisco. Though a D-end was at the top of the list for positions the Vikings wanted to fill this off-season, they have been busy making improvements elsewhere.

Former Golden Gopher running back and Minnesota native Thomas Tapeh was also signed by the Vikings last Friday morning. Tapeh, a five-year veteran, was sidelined by injuries early in his career, but played every game over the past two years, helping push Philadelphia running back Brian Westbrook into elite status. Though he rarely gets any touches, Tapeh's blocking ability will help him fill the shoes of soon-to-depart Pro Bowl fullback Tony Richardson. Either way, Peterson should make it look easy for him.

The Vikings have not had a true No. 1 receiver since dealing Randy Moss to the Raiders and losing Nate Burleson to the Seahawks. The team hasn't even had a receiver gain more than 700 yards in each of the past three seasons. Last season, rookie Sidney Rice led the team in touchdowns with four, while Bobby Wade was the main possession receiver, leading the team with 647 yards. On Saturday, the Vikings made an attempt to change that. In a push to improve the dismal passing game, the Vikes signed Bernard Berrian. The former Bear's No. 1 receiver

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Women's hockey blasts Beavers

BY KJESTINE STEINBRING
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Playoffs have begun, and the good play that was characteristic of the women's hockey team all season has indeed continued.

The Bulldogs took on Bemidji State this last weekend in the first of two WCHA conference tournament series. The Bulldogs won easily last Friday and Saturday, and now they will face St. Cloud State University next Saturday for the WCHA Final Face-Off.

Friday night's game started off rather low-key, with UMD out-shooting Bemidji 13 to six. However, the scoring did not start until the second period.

Fifty-five seconds into the second period, freshman forward Laura Fridfinnson scored on a short-handed goal with assists from fellow freshman Haley Irwin and sophomore Heidi Pelttari.

Two more goals were added in the same period, one by sophomore Saara Tuominen and the other from junior Myriam Trepanier off a power play. The Bulldogs had added

13 more shots on goal while holding the Beavers to yet another single-digit period with four shots.

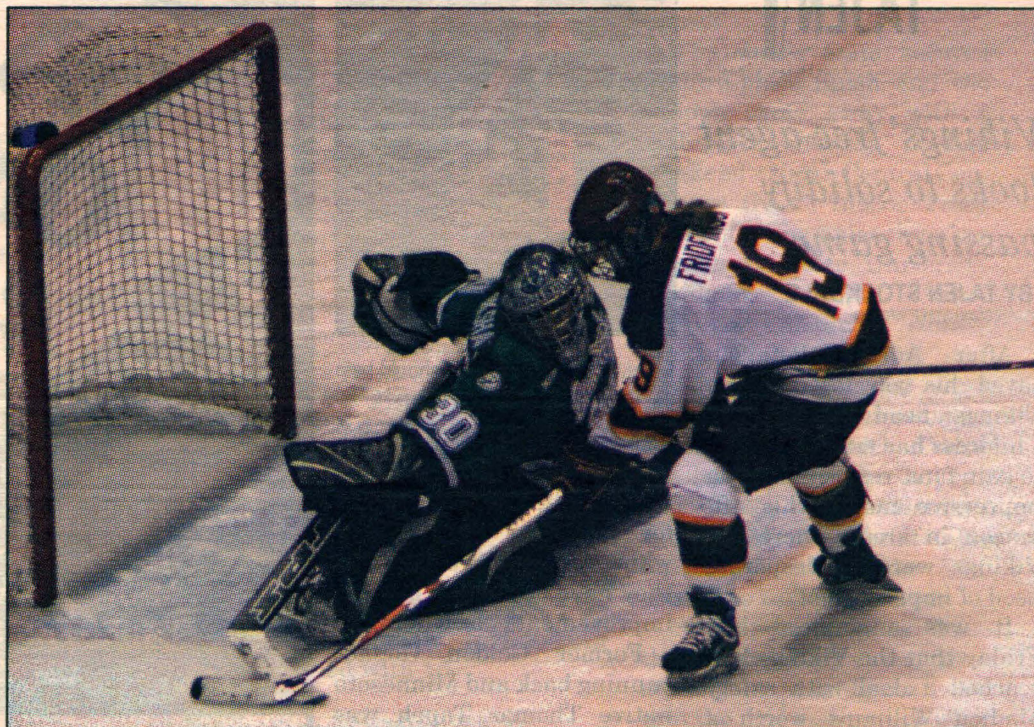
With a score of 3-0 going into the third period, it was a safe bet that UMD would pull out the win, but sophomore Emmanuel Blais and senior Karine Demeule weren't done yet. Blais added two goals, interrupted by Demeule's own shot sliding by Bemidji's goalie. These scores sealed the victory indefinitely for the Dogs with a final of 6-0.

"Playing well and then getting to play two games in one weekend is what makes it fun," said junior Sara O'Toole.

She added that getting to come back the next day and trying to duplicate the win is another thing she enjoys.

Saturday night's game was another well-played for UMD. O'Toole started the game with a bang, scoring 1 minute, 20 seconds in. While the game was more physical than the night before, the Dogs continued to dominate in the shots on goals.

In the second, freshman



Joceylne Larocque lit the lamp for her own score; Fridfinnson added yet another goal to give the Bulldogs the 3-0 lead again heading into the intermission.

Blais added her third goal of the weekend to give the Dogs a 4-0 lead, followed less than a minute later by a second goal by Fridfinnson. Bemidji scored their lone goal with 41 seconds remaining in the contest.

"Our goal in the third peri-



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Above: UMD forward Laura Fridfinnson is denied a goal by the Bemidji State goalie.

Left: UMD defenseman Heidi Pelttari pushes a Bemidji State player out of the way to gain control of a loose puck.

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TYLER SWEENEY / STATESMAN

UMD junior Matt Greer fights for the puck with two North Dakota players.

Dogs' hopes for home-ice in playoffs end

Men's hockey will play on the road after Sioux sweep

BY ALI DRAVES
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The UMD men's hockey team lost this weekend after a heartbreaking sweep by the University of North Dakota.

The Dogs' record moved to 12-14-6 overall, according to the UMD Web site.

"Every weekend we are looking to get four points," said senior captain Matt McKnight. "In the WCHA, there are not many four-point weekends. We are just looking to get points every game."

The play on Saturday was immediately rough, as both teams fought to score. Although the Dogs played tough defense, the Sioux scored with only 45 seconds remaining in the period with a goal by T.J. Oshie. UMD

was down, 1-0.

The second period proved to be another standstill, as the Bulldogs again worked desperately to score. After a delay of game penalty at 18:21, the Dogs turned their focus to a penalty kill. Despite their efforts, North Dakota scored again at 19:37 with a power-play goal from Chris VandeVelde.

After two disheartening periods, the Bulldogs contin-

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